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January 30, 2020

Upcounty Land Use Committee Meeting

**Monday, February 3 7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

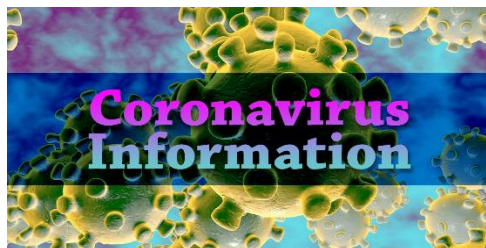
Topic: "The Agritourism Study" (*continued*)

Guest: TBD

Learn about the Agritourism Study [here](#).

All board and committee meetings are open to the public!

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.



2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Information

The 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Outbreak is a constantly evolving situation; and Montgomery County's Department of Health and Human Services, working with the Maryland Department of Health, will provide updates as they become available.

The updates can be found on a County-developed informational webpage by clicking [here](#).

***** Cancelled *****

Live Discussion with County Executive Marc Elrich

Thursday, February 13 1:00pm-2:00pm

The next online chat is scheduled for March.



**MDOT SHA District 3 Major Construction and Maintenance
Planned Lane Closure Update for
Prince George's and Montgomery Counties
For the Period Beginning February 1, 2020**

Visit https://www.roads.maryland.gov/OC/D3_LANE_CLOSURES.pdf to see this week's MDOT SHA District 3 major planned construction-related lane closure update. Please feel free to share this information with members of your e-mail or list-serv groups, visitors to your website and your social media followers.



**County Council to Host Town Hall Meeting on Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Traffic Safety
Sunday, February 9 2:00pm
Wheaton High School
12401 Dalewood Drive in Silver Spring**

The Montgomery County Council will host a pedestrian, bicycle and traffic safety town hall meeting to hear directly from residents about the safety issues they are encountering on roadways and sidewalks and in crosswalks located in Montgomery County. Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting to talk with Councilmembers about areas of concern in the community and to learn more about the County's ongoing efforts to meet the goals of [Vision Zero](#).

Councilmembers have held individual community meetings on pedestrian and bicycle safety and continue to advocate for safety improvements throughout the County. They also have secured speed limit reductions on some state roads. So far in 2020, there have been three pedestrian deaths in the County, and two of these deaths occurred on Maryland Route 355 (Rockville Pike). In 2019, 13 pedestrians and one bicyclist were killed in crashes.

Representatives from the Maryland State Highway Administration, the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, the Vision Zero Initiative, the Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, Montgomery County Park and Planning and Montgomery County Public Schools are also expected to attend the town hall meeting which will take place in Wheaton High School's auditorium.

Simultaneous interpretation services will be provided for Spanish speakers. Other language assistance is available upon request with at least three working days' notice by calling 240-777-7931.

The Glenmont Metro Station is located 1.4 miles from Wheaton High School, and Ride On Route 10 provides bus service to the school. Parking is also available on site.

For additional information, contact Juan Jovel at Juan.Jovel@montgomerycountymd.gov or call 240-777-7931. If you need services to participate in this meeting or in any Council activity, please call the Council as far in advance as possible at 240-777-7900 or send an email to County.Council@montgomerycountymd.gov.

New Zoning Text Amendment Proposes Powering More Than 50,000 Homes with Solar

Last week, ZTA 20-01, Solar Collection Systems – AR Zone Standards, was introduced. It would allow a targeted deployment of community solar projects on farms in the County's Agricultural Reserve.

ZTA 20-01 would open up 1,800 acres (or about two percent) of the County's 93,000-acre Agricultural Reserve for community solar as a limited use. Currently, the zoning code prohibits community solar in the Agricultural Reserve.

The ZTA includes a number of provisions to support agriculture, including requirements that the ground under the panels have pollinator-friendly plants or is suitable for grazing and that soil and tree removal is minimized. It also has site size, setback, height and fencing requirements. The goal of this ZTA is to get solar deployed quickly while limiting its impact on the overall Agricultural Reserve. To achieve that balance, community solar is limited to two percent of the Agricultural Reserve (1,800 acres).

The text of the zoning text amendment can be viewed here: <https://tinyurl.com/ZTA2001Intro>.

The accompanying fact sheet can be viewed here: <https://tinyurl.com/ARSolarFacts>.

See the [press release](#) for more information.

Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs to Honor Nine County Heroes During Black History Month with Displayed Tributes at Silver Spring Civic Building

(throughout the month of February)

**Buffalo Soldiers Great Hall
Silver Spring Civic Building
One Veterans Place, Silver Spring**

The Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs will honor nine County military service members and veterans with detailed tributes displayed throughout February at Buffalo Soldiers Great Hall at the Silver Spring Civic Building. The Black History Month display is free to view any time the Civic Building is open to the public.

The Silver Spring Civic Building is located at One Veterans Place in Downtown Silver Spring. The main room of the building was dedicated in 2018 as Buffalo Soldiers Great Hall to pay tribute to the Buffalo Soldiers unit that was formed by Congressional legislation in the 1860s that allowed African Americans to enlist in the United States military.

The County service members and veterans featured in the tribute of photos, background information and details of accomplishments during their military careers and afterward include John Henry Chaney, Justin Davis, Jeremiah Floyd, Gloria Gardner, Elwood Gray, Arthur Holmes, Jr., Isiah Leggett, Vernon Ricks and William Smith. *(Two are Upcounty residents!)*

The display also includes photos of the Buffalo Soldiers Calvary.

As part of the Silver Spring celebration of Black History Month, SPARKLE (Senior Programs Aimed at Re-Kindling Lifetime Engagement), which is a collaboration of Silver Spring Town Center, Inc. and the Silver Spring Village, will sponsor a talk with Brigadier General Charles McGee at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the Buffalo Soldiers Great Hall. Brigadier General McGee, who turned 100 in December, is the oldest living member of the Tuskegee Airmen. He flew 137 combat missions in World War II and went on to fly missions during the Korean War and in Vietnam.

See [press release](#) for some brief details about those who will be honored in tributes at the Silver Spring Civic Building.

Montgomery County Public Libraries Offers a Series of Programs to Commemorate Black History Month

Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) will celebrate Black History Month with special programs during February that acknowledge, celebrate and honor the achievements, culture, and history of Black Americans.

The free events, suitable for all ages, will take place at the following branches:

[Chevy Chase Library](#), 8005 Connecticut Ave. Saturday, Feb. 8: 2 to 4 p.m.
[River Road, Bethesda: - A Short History of Black and White 1850-1963](#)
Special presentation by L. Paige Whitley, Montgomery County Historical Society.

[Long Branch Library](#), 8800 Garland Ave., Silver Spring
Saturday, Feb. 8: 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Listen to follow the Drinking Gourd. Make drinking gourd window cut-outs. Learn about Kente Cloth and make a sample.

[Kensington Park Library](#), 4201 Knowles Ave.
Saturday, Feb. 15: 1 to 2 p.m.
Tracking the Footprints of Black Elected and Appointed Officials and Voting Paths

[Chevy Chase Library](#), 8005 Connecticut Ave.
Saturday, Feb. 15: 2 to 3 p.m.
[Our Voice: Music and the Black Vote Recital](#): Celebrate the historical Centennial of the 19th Amendment as this humanities-themed recital brings music, narration, and violin selections to life. Sponsored by Friends of the Library, Chevy Chase Chapter.

[Rockville Memorial Library](#), 21 Maryland Ave.
Saturday, Feb. 22: 2 to 3 p.m.
Historian Tony Cohen, president of The Menare Foundation, will discuss his organization's upcoming book "Great Escapes: Journeys on Maryland's Underground Railroad" to be released in early 2020. This new publication will feature stories of anti-slavery figures the location of sanctuary sites and reveal the routes to freedom used by freedom seekers in Montgomery County and statewide. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Rockville Memorial Chapter.

[Twinbrook Library](#), 202 Meadow Hall Dr., Rockville
Saturday, Feb. 22: 4 to 5 p.m.
Join the Rocky Twyman Chorale for an afternoon of music including traditional spirituals.

[Gaithersburg Library](#), 18330 Montgomery Village Ave.
Friday, Feb. 28: 2 to 2:45 p.m.
Great picture books come to life on the screen. Snack provided.

County Offers Free Tax Help for Eligible Residents *Available now through April 15*

County residents earning \$56,000 or less can schedule an appointment for free tax preparation through the Community Action Agency's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Free tax assistance is available now through April 15, 2020 at sites throughout the county: [Gaithersburg \(Mondays\)](#), Silver Spring (Tuesdays), Rockville (Wednesdays), East County and [Germantown \(Thursdays\)](#), and Wheaton (Fridays).

To make an appointment, visit montgomerycountymd.gov/cashback, call 240-777-1123 or call 3-1-1. TTY users, please call MD Relay (711). To request special accommodations, call 240-777-1123 at least three business days in advance of appointment. For more information, visit montgomerycountymd.gov/cashback.



U.S. Census Bureau Seeking Full & Part-Time Employees in Montgomery County

Could you use extra income? Jobs for the 2020 Census offer competitive wages that are paid weekly. Authorized expenses, such as mileage, are reimbursed for employees doing field work. Pay rates and work hours can vary by position and location. Visit to see the pay rate for Montgomery County (i.e. currently \$29.50 for a census taker position).

Census 2020 Job Information Sessions

Friday, January 31: 11:00am - 1:00pm

Quince Orchard Library

AGE GROUP: SENIORS, ADULT

EVENTS TYPE: WORKFORCE AND JOB SEEKERS

The U.S. Census Bureau is seeking qualified workers for 2020 Census operations in Montgomery County!

Census Information Session

Friday, January 31: 12:30pm - 3:00pm

Marilyn J. Praisner Library

AGE GROUP: ADULT

EVENTS TYPE: WORKFORCE AND JOB SEEKERS

Learn more about available Census 2020 jobs. Competitive wages, flexible hours and opportunities for everyone, whether you're seeking full-time work or looking to earn extra money.

For more information, visit Montgomery County's website on the Census!

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/census/>

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council>

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep>

Department of Permitting Services <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dps>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/partnerships>

Commission for Women <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org/>

Department of Health and Human Services www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs

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